

**IDAHO SPEECH, HEARING AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES LICENSURE
BOARD**

Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses

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Board Meeting Minutes of 9/14/2021

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BOARD**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gayle L Chaney - Chair
Barbra Osterhout
Kevin C Woodall
Teresa Lee Rose
La Vona Andrew
Kenneth W Nuhn
Cynthia K Olsen

DIVISION STAFF: Nicki Chopski, Section Chief
Julie Eavenson, Licensing Group Manager
Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager
Nicholas Krema, General Counsel
Eric Nelson, Board Prosecutor
Lindsay Guille, Board Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 AM MDT by Gayle L Chaney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Rose made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to consider documents relating to the fitness of an applicant to be granted a license or registration. It was seconded by Ms. Andrews. The vote was: Ms. Chaney, aye; Ms. Osterhout, aye; Mr. Woodall, aye; Ms. Rose, aye, Ms. Andrews, aye, Mr. Nuhn, aye; and Ms. Olsen, aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Osterhout made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Ms. Andrews. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Ms. Andrews made a motion to approve the following for licensure:

Applicant ID 901186138

It was seconded by Ms. Rose. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Nuhn made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to retain a license or registration. It was seconded by Mr. Woodall. The vote was: Ms. Chaney, aye; Ms. Osterhout, aye; Mr. Woodall, aye; Ms. Rose, aye, Ms. Andrews, aye, Mr. Nuhn, aye; and Ms. Olsen, aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Rose made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Ms. Osterhout. Motion carried.

DISCIPLINE

Ms. Olsen made a motion to close case number SHS-2021-4 with a warning letter. It was seconded by Mr. Woodall. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Woodall made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/9/2021. It was seconded by Mr. Nuhn. Motion carried.

Mr. Nuhn made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/6/2021, with corrections. It was seconded by Mr. Woodall. Motion carried.

Ms. Andrews made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/10/2021. It was seconded by Mr. Nuhn. Motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the To Do List, and no action was taken.

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Mr. Woodall made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Ms. Osterhout. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Ms. Andrews made a motion to rescind the prior vote due to additional information presented by Mr. Crema regarding state rules.

It was seconded by Ms. Rose. Motion carried

Mr. Nuhn made a motion to deny the following based on Rule 450.02.b

Applicant ID 901186138

It was seconded by Ms. Rose. Motion carried.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

Ms. Chopski discussed the scheduling of future meetings to be set six to eight weeks between meetings and eventually scheduled on a quarterly basis. At the next meeting, a full calendar year of meeting dates will be scheduled.

NEXT MEETING was scheduled for November 17, 2021, at 8:15 AM MDT.

HEARING AID DEALER & FITTER QUARTERLY REPORTS

Ms. Rose requested the Board state and agree all applicants for the Practicum Test for Hearing Aid Dealer & Fitter be required to have all Quarterly Report packets reviewed and approved. Mr. Krema stated the Board does not have the authority to implement by Board policy something that is not provided for in the laws and rules. He reminded the Board Hearing Aid Dealers & Fitters are not required hold a provisional permit and can take the examination without ever having a provisional permit or submitting quarterly reports and can take the examination without going through the provisional process. Ms. Chaney suggested in the future, making revisions to the Board's rules and regulations and adding this component. Mr. Krema informed the Board the rules can be reviewed in the upcoming Zero-Based Regulation Process and explained the process to list rules under review or to be added.

SIGN LANGUAGE PROVISIONAL PERMIT RENEWAL & ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION APPROVAL PROCESS

The Board discussed its current Provisional Permit renewal application approval process for Sign Language Interpreters. Ms. Andrews stated she intentionally does not have the authority to approve Provisional Permits outside of Board review due to the small size of the Sign Language community and would prefer to not have the authority to approve the provisional permits between meetings. Ms. Chaney suggested calling a special meeting between regular Board meetings if an applicant needs reviewed for renewal. Mr. Krema informed the Board a motion is not required as no change is being made to the current process

The Board reviewed its current Sign Language Interpreter Application through Endorsement process. Ms. Andrews informed initially; the Division staff had chosen to keep the approval process with the Ms. Andrews due to all of the different licensure types for Sign Language Interpreters. Ms. Andrews is ok with Division staff reviewing and approving applications for endorsement if they are obvious approvals. Mr. Nuhn made a motion to allow Staff to review and approve Sign Language Interpreters Endorsement applications and pass any with question or problems on to the Board member for review. It was seconded by Ms. Andrews. The vote was: Ms. Chaney, aye; Ms. Osterhout, aye; Mr. Woodall, aye; Ms. Rose, aye, Ms. Andrews, aye, Mr. Nuhn, aye; and Ms. Olsen, aye. Motion carried.

INTERSTATE COMPACTS

Ms. Rose left the meeting at 9:47 AM MDT.

Ms. Chaney addressed the Board regarding the Interstate Compact. She addressed the key points of the compact, along with the impact to the Board and licensees. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Osterhout made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 AM MDT. It was seconded by Mr. Woodall. Motion carried.